

# PORTMOAK PRIMARY NEWS

## OCTOBER 2015



### Parking

Please note the bus lane is required for school buses before 9am and at 3pm. Outwith these times, buses are used for trips, swimming etc. and parents should not be using our bus stop as a parking space. There have been several instances of the buses having to park away from the kerb in the last few weeks due to thoughtless parking. Please help us to keep our children safe.

### Poppies



P7 will once again be selling poppies in school. We would appreciate a silver coin donation for a poppy from pupils if they wish to buy one.

### Parents' Group Sessions

Thank you to the parents who attended the planning session for the parents' group this term. We had a discussion about the topics that would be of interest and looked at the views of parents who took time to fill in the survey that was sent home (thanks also to those who filled these in). A draft outline of topics is detailed below, with those still to be confirmed being indicated as TBC.

As well as a topic discussion, we also discussed the format of the sessions. Those who have attended in the past felt that the 2 hour long session was too long and there was pressure for start time with the crèche and group starting at the same time so that those using the crèche felt others were having to wait and the start time was delayed for those without smaller children. The format this year will therefore be:

1.00-1.30 – crèche settling in time and coffee available in library

1.30-2.00 – parents' group session

The crèche is running weekly for a term this time. Several people felt this would be more helpful to jog memories than a fortnightly offering. This year's programme is as follows:

- 4.11.15 – Active literacy focus, the importance of reading and rhyme, helping with homework (mainly early years focus – Lee Fairlie early years development teacher leading this session)
- 11.11.15 – Children's Health including food and fussy eaters - Aileen Havlin, Health visitor confirmed. Active Schools input TBC (suitable for all ages)
- 18.11.15 – Online safety including mobile phones and sexting (Lee Fairlie leading - suitable for all ages)
- 25.11.15 – Children's first aid – TBC, speaker dependent
- 2.12.15 – Digital technology session including iPads and apps used in school / recommended for home (Lee Fairlie/Louise Gordon – suitable for all ages)
- 9.12.15 – An overview of how we teach Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood in primary school (P1-7 covered) and how this progresses into secondary school (Stephanie Kellie leading – suitable for all ages)
- 16.12.15 – Christmas coffee morning (all welcome to attend – even if you don't come along weekly)

### Coffee and a Catch Up

Thanks to all those who came along to the term 1 coffee and catch up. The next session, to which you are all invited, is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9am.**



## P1/2 Library Visit

P1/2 went to Loch Leven Library to hear the story of *The Hungry Caterpillar* in French – or *La Chenille qui fait des trous* I am reliably informed! Super feedback from library staff over their partner working and listening skills – here they are pictured as beautiful butterflies!



## Year of Young People

Three members of the Pupil Council, along with Mrs Mossom, attended a consultation event in Perth on Thursday 1st October.

2018 is the Year of Young People and children are being invited to discussion days to ensure that their views are taken into account when planning events for 2018. This is something which is being organised by the Scottish Government, Children in Scotland, the Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot. Lulu, Keiran and Louisa shared their ideas with other children from schools across the Council and were a credit to our school.



## Halloween Discos

A big thank you to the staff and parents who helped at our Halloween Discos, without their hard work these would not have been possible. We had over 80% attendance at these popular events.



**Dates for Your Diary:**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parent Coffee and Catch up 9am in school library
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – M & M Panto – Peter Pan - afternoon
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Primary 4/5 swimming
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Shopping Night
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – P4/5 Assembly (P4/5 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Contact Meetings
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Primary 4/5 swimming last day
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – In-service Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – In-service Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – P5/6 Assembly (P5/6 family and friends please join us from 9.15am)
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity am & pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of term 2 (12 noon finish time)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – First day of Term 3

Don't forget to save both school numbers  
01577 867290 (school office)  
and the absentee line on  
01577 867196

